

## DISTRICT INVESTIGATION

## TESTIMONY TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

ARCHITECT CLARK ON FLAGGING, RECAVATING, GRADING, CURBING AND PAVING—PRICES PAID BY GOVERNMENT—EVIDENCE OF MR. RIVES ON BLADENBURG ROAD, AND EX-AUDITOR RICHARDS.

WASHINGTON, April 4, 1874.

The committee met pursuant to adjournment.

The Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Christy. We desire to call Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark, having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Chairman. Q. State your occupation.

A. I am architect of the Capitol at present.

Q. This paper is that you have drawn. This is a statement showing the amount paid, and to whom paid, for the earth deposited in the Capitol grounds since the first of February, 1871.

Q. Was that statement made up by you?

A. Yes, sir. It is a correct statement.

By Mr. Merrick. Q. Made up from the books of your office. A. Made up from triplicate vouchers kept in the office.

By the Chairman. Q. What was the price paid by you for this earth? A. Twenty-five cents in some instances, thirty cents in others, and ten cents a load. It is stated here in detail.

Mr. Christy. You will find copies of the vouchers, if you examine, Mr. Chairman.

The Witnesses. Pencil copies of the vouchers are there, Yes, sir.

By the Chairman. Q. Do you know where this earth came from. A. In some instances I do.

Q. State the instance. A. We gave a fixed price, very nearly, for any earth that would be delivered in the Capitol grounds. The first year we fixed 30 cents a yard, or 10 cents a load, the second year 30 cents, or 10 cents a load, and so on.

Q. The great bulk of the earth came from hills in the vicinity of Providence hospital, and some from streets and excavations in the city.

Q. What proportion of this earth came from streets? A. From streets, about twenty dollars paid Dennis Nalley. I think that came from B street south, near the Capitol grounds. Seven hundred and twenty-five to Daniel A. Connolly.

Q. Where did that come from? A. I think from First street, east of the Capitol. That is all in the vouchers, "Richard Rowell, \$586."

My impression is, though I am not certain in regard to that, that that was obtained from the high grounds up in the vicinity of Providence hospital, and some from streets and excavations in the city.

Q. Have you named now all that came from the streets? A. Yes, sir; all that I know of.

Q. You state that a large amount of this dirt came from some lots, some from the high grounds up in the vicinity of Providence hospital, on Capitol Hill.

Q. What would that be? A. John G. Stafford.

Q. What would that be; what number of yards? A. It came to \$11,600. That is a large amount.

Q. Was that at thirty cents a yard? A. Thirty and thirty-five cents.

Q. What distance is that from the Capitol grounds? A. It is four squares.

Q. What is the distance in feet, as near as you can get at? A. It is about 2,000 feet. That is only an approximation.

By Mr. Stewart. Q. Did Stafford get anything for grading where he graded? A. No, sir; he got nothing for that.

By the Chairman. Q. This was taken from private property? A. Yes, sir.

By Mr. Stewart. Q. You had paid thirty-five cents for the earth? A. Yes, sir.

Q. What is the kind of earth? Was it clay or gravel? A. It was a mixture of clay and gravel; a mixture of gravel and clay.

By the Chairman. Q. See a number of parcels made up on that account, are they yours? A. No, sir; they were made by counsel.

Mr. Christy. I made those with his permission. They simply refer to the contract.

By the Chairman. Q. Have you stated the several amounts paid to the contractor? A. Yes, sir. The cases I have mentioned have been taken from the streets.

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## FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

## CONSIDERATION OF BILLS OF THE PRIVATE CALENDAR.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1874.

Mr. ANTHONY. After the reading of the Journal, stated that he had consulted the precedents in regard to the action of the Senate on Good Friday.

In point of fact, the Senate had adjourned from Good Friday until Monday.

In 1868 it had done so because the impeachment trial was in progress. He believed that before the war it had always been the custom to adjourn on Good Friday.

He therefore moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday.

Mr. FERRY, of Michigan, rose to debate the motion.

When Mr. Anthony said that he believed that before the war it had always been the custom to adjourn on Good Friday, he was referring to the custom of the House.

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## THE CENTENNIAL.

## THE ONE MILLION APPROPRIATION.

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1874.

The bill for the appropriation of one million dollars for the Centennial Exposition, passed last evening by the House of Representatives.

The bill was introduced by Mr. Tilden, of New York, and was passed by a vote of 154 yeas to 41 nays.

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